

The JFK Autopsy: Verified, Re-Verified, and
Verified Again

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Explanatory Foreword

The report of the 1968 medical panel on its examination of the JFK autopsy photographs and X-rays has been the subject of a searching critical analysis by Harold Weisberg, author of Whitewash and other books on the assassination. Mr. Weisberg shared with me the results of his study, in conversation only days after the panel's report was made public on January 16, 1969. At the end of March he was good enough to invite me to read his full-length manuscript, Post-Mortem III, a compendium and critical analysis of all information and documents available as of the present time on the autopsy, including the photographs and X-rays.

That Mr. Weisberg produced a work of great scope and microscopic detail with such astonishing speed testifies to his commitment and his conviction that the full truth about the Dallas assassination must be pursued and that all misrepresentation must be tirelessly exposed. His manuscript, in its mastery of the staggering complex of the forensic evidence and pseudo-evidence which continues to burgeon and proliferate in the case of the JFK assassination, is a tour de force of the highest magnitude.

In preparing this article, I have merely retraced the work which had already been done by Harold Weisberg. The exclusive credit for the methodology and the findings belongs to him. His book-length manuscript should be published and become available to the public. But publication is not yet prospective. Some of the findings are therefore indicated in this preliminary, interim survey of the examinations of the JFK autopsy photographs and X-rays.